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Selectmen's Minutes 11/22/2010

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 22, 2010

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Hurd, and Ms. Rowe.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Sullivan

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: October 25, 2010, November 8, 2010, November 15, 2010
 Mr. Hurd moved approval of the 10/25/10 minutes. SO VOTED (4-0-1)
 Ms. Rowe abstained, not present at that meeting.
 Mr. Hurd moved approval of the 11/8/10 minutes. SO VOTED (5-0)
 Mr. Hurd moved approval of the 11/15/10 minutes. SO VOTED (4-0-1)
 Mr. Greeley abstained, not present at that meeting.
 - b. Approval: Free Parking @ Municipal Lot, 12/04/10, 10:00a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Erica Manalang, Chair, The Heart of Arlington
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
 Mr. Greeley motioned to allow free parking on Saturdays (4th, 11th, and 18th) during December as has been done in past years-to include Mass. Ave. and metered parking spaces in the lots. SO VOTED (5-0)
 - c. Approval: Transfer of CDBG Funds to Arlington Youth Counseling Center
 Christine Connolly, Director, Health and Human Services
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing

2. Elks Club Noise Disturbance
 Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Before the Board were Police reports and resident emails in reference to complaints and also material submitted on behalf of the Elks Club.

Ms. Rice opened the public meeting by asking for the public's input to noise disturbance from the Elks Club.

The Trischitta's (Carmen and Paul) 5 Pond Terrace, reported they have lived there for 40 years and have no complaints. In the early days there were problems, but they approached the Elks Club and they were addressed immediately. They further stated that the area has many noise related places, Elks Club, Boy's Club, Spy Pond Field, bike path, and playground/parking lot, anyone buying or renting in this area is fully aware of what's around.

Attorney John Leone spoke on behalf of the Elks Club (Joe Schanda, Manager, and Bill Copithorne, Board of Trustees Chairman were in attendance) regarding noise complaints stating some were not club related and others were unfounded according to Police. The complaints that were related to the Elks have been discussed and remedies put in place to diminish noise.

After much talk by the Selectmen it was unanimously decided by all:

- Smoking members & guests are to be moved out-back
- Signs installed (i.e. no loitering, no noise)
- Possible camera out front
- Name of contact and telephone number on duty during events
- Possible Police details at events

Ms. Rowe moved to leave the public meeting open and to organize/facilitate a neighborhood/Elks Club meeting to be reported on at

a January meeting.

SO VOTED (5-0)

3. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Gordon Jamieson, Recycle Committee, reported that the Recycle Event the last week went great and thanked all who helped.

Mr. Jamieson also reported a gas leak on Eastern Ave. and asked the Selectmen to intervene and have it taken care of before the ice and snow covers the street. Mrs. Mahon said she would call her contact to intercede.

Mr. Greeley motioned to have Mrs. Mahon contact National Grid for the leak repair and also to request leak data to present at a future meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Jamieson stated his disappointment that the GIC wasn't voted favorably by the Town employees and voiced he may petition for another Special Town Meeting for the GIC.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

4. Approval: Regionalization (Intermunicipal) Agreement with Town of Belmont

Christine Connolly, Director, Health and Human Services

Mr. Hurd moved approval

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Discussion: Overnight Parking Rules & Waivers

Diane M. Mahon, Chair

Mr. Hurd spoke regarding specific exemptions and amount of nights allowed. After much discussion the Selectmen decided to amend the overnight parking policy to allow for 8 nights of parking instead of 4 nights. The following residents Martin Long/10 Trowbridge St., Steve Revilak/111 Sunnyside Ave., and Joe La Roche/24 Fairmont St. spoke on behalf of increasing the number of nights and/or allowing overnight parking.

Mr. Greeley moved approval of the Parking sub-Committee's overnight parking rules & waiver recommendations with the change to 8 nights and also to re-discuss the issues in 3-months at a meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Richard A. Davey
Mass DOT

Key Bus Route Improvement Program

Be Rec'd

Christina Chalapatras
172 Overlook Road

Request Increased Penalties for
Irresponsible Owners and Their Dogs

Be Rec'd

Todd A. Steiner
FEMA

Flood Insurance Rate Map Revised

Be Rec'd

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith requested that the Selectmen help with their hardship re: the latest FEMA map revisions. Mrs. Mahon stated she would research it and get back to them.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan reported that the GIC Healthcare Plan was voted down by the majority of union members, leaving health care costs still a major cost driver in the FY 12 \$6-7 million budget deficit. He further recommended not waiting for July 1st to implement budget cuts, but instead make half the cuts now and the other half in July. After some discussion the Selectmen decided another meeting was necessary.

Mr. Hurd moved to hold a meeting Monday, November 29, 2010.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Hurd moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan
Selectmen's Office

Next meeting of BoS Monday, December 6, 2010.